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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER:

FOR: QUICK CLICK ICONS FOR

WORKSPACE FLOW BETWEEN

VIEWS FOR MAJOR

SUBSYSTEMS AND VIEWS WITHIN A DESIGN TOOL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, consideration of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7 with the following new paragraph:

To overcome these problems, microcontroller suppliers (specifically, Cypress MicroSystems, Inc., in Bothell, Washington) have started to offer standard parts that combine a microprocessor with several user-configurable "building blocks." These building blocks may be assembled, configured and programmed to form many standard microprocessor peripherals, as well as to form unique peripherals as may be required by a specific application. Thus, a user can tailor a microcontroller to meet his or her specific requirements, in less time and at less cost than through other means. A microcontroller assembled from these building blocks is referred to herein as a programmable single-